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1. U SOE MIN (PEN NAME ZAN YA) IS COLUMNIST AND NIGHT FOREIGN NEWS EDITOR FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY BURMESE EDITION. HE IS A FRIEND OF NEW YORK TIMES STAFF JOSEPH LELYVELD FROM LELYVELD'S 1961 STAY IN BURMA AS A FULBRIGHT GRANTEE.

2. U KHIN NYO IS A REPORTER AND PHOTO EDITOR FOR THE WORKING PEOPLE'S DAILY ENGLISH EDITION. HE IS A RECENT GRADUATE AND A NEWCOMER TO JOURNALISM WHO COVERED WORLD BANK PRESIDENT MCNAMARA'S VISIT TO BURMA EARLIER THIS MONTH. HE HAS PUBLISHED A BOOK ON TOURISTS (WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY REPUBLISHED IN EXPANDED FORM) WHICH WARNED THAT HIPPIES BRING V.D., ILLEGAL LIQUOR, AND OTHER EVILS WITH THEM TO BURMA.

3. COMMENT: NEITHER U SOE MIN NOR U KHIN NYO IS A POLITICALLY INPORTANT FIGURE IN BURMA.
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